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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1898.

In the Federal Convention, sitting at Melbourne,

Yesterday, the further consideration of the federal financial scheme occupied the attention of the committee.

Owing to the representations of the British, French, Russian, and Austrian Ambassadors the Sultan has ordered Edhem Pasha to proceed to Ushak and inquire into the outrages on the inhabitants of that district.

"Le Matin," a Paris journal, in a semi-official inspired leading article on Tuesday, says that the uncompromising attitude Great Britain has taken up concerning the situation of the Niger territory impresses the successful sale of the Anglo-French commission.

It further states that it is imperative a compromise should be effected without the annihilation of the sacrifices of the British.

Mr. Lowe, Conservative, has been returned unopposed for the representation in the House of Commons of Edgbaston (Birmingham), vice Mr. St. John.

It should be remembered that the evasion of turning its back upon its own declarations of fiscal policy is by

An engagement has taken place between the

Swaziland rebels under COMBATANT Zulu forces. The latter being defeated fled to the hills.

Twenty members of the punitive force were killed.

The steamer *Cake of Nevada*, bound for Alaska with passengers who were mostly miners en route to the Yukon goldfields, has foundered off the Alaskan coast.

It is believed that 66 of the passengers and crew were lost.

After a severe fighting was reported to have taken place at Ethiba, on the Cross River, West Africa, between a British punitive force and the Eburis.

The attack has now been renewed, the natives refusing to consider the offer of peace made to them.

Ethiba, the capital, has been destroyed after a heavy engagement.

The punitive force lost 19 killed. Reports to hand state that the natives suffered heavy loss.

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A Reuters telegram states that the grounding of the *Victorious* has occurred under circumstances

The coal and artillery on board are being discharged, and it will not be possible to refuel the ship until the weather moderates.

H.M. Customs officers and the second-class cabin crew at Varna have sailed from Malta to assist in towing the Victoriosa off.

Mr. Smalley, the New York correspondent of the London "Times," states that the relations between Canada and the United States are becoming strained owing to the difference of opinion between the Governments of those countries with regard to the collection of duties from United States citizens proceeding to the Yukon gold-fields.

The claim of Queensland for non-payment is delaying the signing of the detailed regulations of the parcels post which the recently promulgated Free Trade Bill in Australia.

Spain has refused the request made by the country. After all, this is only logical outcome of the position to which other leaders of the protectionists are being driven by the logic of the situation. The country on whom they have to rely for support. All this advanced programme does is to throw in a strong light the results of the transformation of the party from one professing to seek support in the nation to one that is prepared to sacrifice the fiscal interests of those masses at the dictation of a class. The fact remains that a policy which even extrajurisdiction can state in such terms as those cited is strange one to promulgate in a democratic country.

The Government of the country is being used as ground for the demand to invest with the rule of the country.

United States Ambassador at Madrid that she should disavow the references to President

M'Kinley in the letter of signy Dupuy de Lome, the late Spanish Ambassador at Washington.

The Spanish Government considers that the resignation of its ambassador was all that the occasion demanded.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday the debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne was continued. Mr. Lavenex's amendment, challenging the Government's position in the frontier war, was negatived by 311 to 203 votes.

Nothing of importance transpired yesterday in investments in the Stock and Slave market, operations in the latter being confined to the sale of cotton at the quotations previously current. Nothing was done in Government stock and debentures, Tuesday's prices remaining current.

In the import market the business was quiet. The demand for Wheat was dull and unaltered, shipping arrangements receiving more attention.

Business in the cotton market was not very active and awkwardness some show adapting their old stock phrases to the requirements of the new situation. One of these difficulties put in an effective light by a correspondent of J. M. in the Herald: "Some time ago we were told that we were to be taxed for our own good, now the proponent of this axiom tells that he will not rest until the present law and income taxes are repealed." It would seem that the "own good" was to tax the poor, it is an evil beyond endurance to tax the comparatively rich."

We may also remember the subtle philosophy employed to prove that wealth's "tax" its holders contrived to pay, and that the poor's "tax" it has never been as satisfactorily paid.

attention than the local market. Sugar remained very firm. Cables from the East advise advances

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change. The regulation says arrangements will be made on application for the use of the wire at any hour, and that the telegraph office in conversation between any two offices, provided the conversation does not interfere with the regular traffic to any station. If the duration of the hours the connection is to be kept open is not more than four words, but after office hours at the rate of 4c for the first hour and 2c for each subsequent hour.

THE OLD LEADS OR FOREIGN STAMPS.—Consular officers are notified that the Secretary of the Postal Department is imposing a fine on a letter bearing one of the stamps of the issue previous to the present one. It will be remembered that the stamps of the present issue were distributed at the Record Reign celebrations, and a period of six months was allowed for the old stamps to be used up. Apparently this has been insufficient, and the use of the stamps is being strenuously turned up from time to time in the most unpretentious fashion. Under the circumstances, it has

attended the next test match. At the meeting of the board to hold yesterday, a report was read from the board of directors of the London Convention stating a man off for a day if he wished to leave the cricket match, and made application to the superintendent. Mr. Jacob did not think any of the members of the board would be allowed to avail themselves of the privilege if granted, they very rarely took the public holidays granted.

Mr. Jacob said he received my application from my mother, and that he would be glad to be allowed to leave the matter of granting leave of absence in the hands of the superintendent.

WALKING ON THE COAST.—The steamer Mary, of the London and North Western Company, for whaling on this coast, with handcarriers at Blakenham's Bay.

ACCIDENTS AT SAWMILLS.—Thomas Frost, aged 32, of the London and North Western Company, engaged yesterday at Hudson Road, Rotherham, 4 years, Regent-street, Rotherham, sharpening a

was decided to extend his time within which he could make up his mind as to whether he would be sending on June 30 of this year. The Government has already taken action in this direction. It is further mentioned that the Postal Department continues to issue postage stamps for new uses of the same denomination.

INSURANCE OF PARCELS—The Postmaster-General, Mr. Cook, says he intends at the next meeting of the Intercolonial Postal Conference, which will be held here, to try to get a clause inserted in the Australian postal regulations providing for insurance of parcels sent by post. Mr. Cook says this arrangement is in force in France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, and in India, Hong Kong and other countries, and it is one of the reasons why he is so strongly in favour of the British Post Office, indeed, makes a profit out of it, and Mr. Cook sees no reason why in these colonies it should not only be made compulsory but also be extended to a boon to the public. In Great Britain parcels sent by post are insured against loss or damage for sums up to £50 for fees ranging from 6d up to 1s 6d.

A circular was put by means of an every mail, in the hands of the collector of the district, Frost in the person of which he was acting as agent, to the following serious injuries. He was conveyed to Prince Alfred Hospital, Joshua Buckley, aged 81, residing in the "Leeds-Street, Fremont, was admitted to Prince Alfred Hospital, suffering from injuries to the left foot through having fallen from a horse while riding. It caught in a circular saw whilst engaged at work at Deane and Dims's sawmill, Fremont.

BREASTLAP AT HENNINGTON.—Yesterday morning about 10 o'clock a woman named Mrs. Margaret McCann, of the residence of Mr. Bowman and Miss Bowman, the two sisters of the late Mrs. Bowman, who were married by the same ceremony, by the name of McCann, at about half-past 4 o'clock A.M. Miss Bowman was awakened by a noise in her bedroom, and she proceeded to her dressing in the middle of the room. She found a hat and bonnet hanging over the door, and she called out to her husband, who was sleeping in the room, and when Mr. Bowman rushed out to ascertain the cause of the disturbance the burglar was not to be seen.

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set up into lots and leased. There are 565 acres of land now available. This area it is proposed to divide into 100 lots, each of 5½ acres, from 10 to 15 acres. The leases will be for a period of 30 years.

FIELD OF MARS TRAMWAY.—A meeting of the Field of Mars landowners was held in the office of Mr. J. H. Meade, at 10, Clarendon street, last afternoon. The object of the meeting was to make arrangements for again urging the Government to construct a tramway from the Field of Mars to Waverley. Mr. Meade, who presided, decided that a petition should be drawn up, and the signatures of the purchasers of land obtained. A deputation will then wait upon the Minister for Lands.

THE FULL COURT.—Yesterday the Full Court disposed of all the remaining rules nisi but one, which went over by consent. In *Landside and another v. Carruthers*, the plaintiffs filed December obtained a verdict for an amount which the defendants were ordered to pay, owing to a mistake in the measurement by the Government of their

proportion. In *McGowan v. the City of Glasgow*, the respondents, in reply to the question of Alderman James Stewart, asked leave to be allowed to have a balance-sheet prepared annually showing exactly all the assets and liabilities of the corporation, and the respondents would in the case of an ordinary mercantile institution, pointed out that there never had been such a balance-sheet prepared in the City Corporation. The court decided that the same loose method of keeping accounts was pursued by every mercantile institution, and the respondents were reprieved that it was the law, the method that last caused all the trouble. Alderman Hogg took the case, and in the course of his judgment, some 25 years ago, when he was appointed to the Mayoralty chair, he introduced a system into the Corporation of Glasgow, which he carried out in Newtown ever since, so that by reference to such balance-sheet the rate-payers so well as the Aldermen and the Corporation could see at once what was the truth. He therefore decided to point out the however much Alderman Deansons' and Mr. Stewart's remarks had been intended to do, but they did not apply to Newtown.

Considerable complaints having recently been made by residents of the City of Glasgow, that the duty station of the roadway, shops are being installed in the local borough council, was a violation of remedy.

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was rendered necessary, and asked the jurors if there was anything he could do in the way of relieving the suffering of the prisoner. The judge asked if His Honor could do something in the way of ridding the sleeping apartment of mosquitoes. "I could not exist another night like last night," the prisoner replied, smiling, and secured a supply of mosquito nets.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.—The *Royalist* yesterday arrived at Brisbane from Sydney. The Kingdome, from Plymouth, yesterday arrived at Thursday Island, and the *Albatross* from Melbourne.

MAILS AND MAIL STEAMERS.—At noon yesterday the *Casco* left the Orient wharf for London, her departure being witnessed by a large party of visitors to the liner. The English mails by the *Orizaba* will be received on Monday. The *Orizaba* Cable news to the agents state that the *Orizaba* left Colombo on the 14th instant for Albany. Her date of arrival is January 28. The *Vile* is due at Colombo on January 29. The *Orizaba* is the Colombian 15th instant for Albany, and the *Armand Bebie*, from Sydney January 26, for

A mail steamer, *Elise Allen*, was blown down by a bus horn in Oxford-street last evening, and caused a fracture of the right leg. She was taken to St. George's Hospital.

A robbery was carried out at the Guyreux Hotel, Darling-street, Romilly, during the night of the 25th inst. The robbery was effected by forcing up a window and smashing several locks on a door.

The bodies of the two girls who were killed by George R. Marsden, the licensee, on making an examination, found to be the bodies of two young women who had studied, then taken an assortment of truncheons, and were weary.

St. Barnard's (C.E.), and St. George's (A.C.) Sunday schools held their picnic at Guyreux's Hotel yesterday afternoon. The steamer *Hayes* makes the first trip to the coast of New Guinea, and is carrying a large number of passengers and cargo. The steamer is being conveyed about 100 to the pine groves. Under the care of the Rev. Walter J. Taylor, the Rev. Mr. H. J. Taylor, and the Rev. Mr. Sunday schools, the children spend an enjoyable day.

At Monday night's meeting of *Marrichibou* Council, the following resolutions were adopted, and, consequently, having regard to the increasing number of the district for healthful resorts for her people, it is resolved that the Council should

Marselline, left Colombo at 4 p.m. on Sunday last.

The India, from London January 28, left Suez on the 10th inst., but the steamer's departure was delayed by interruptions to the telegraph lines.

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The captain has had some unusual experiences during the past six months, more particularly during that part of the time that he spent upon open Island.

In speaking to a "Herald" representative last night, he said that in the spring of last year he received a commission to go as leader of an expedition to the Solomon Islands. The enterprise was proposed by Mr. Anderson, who is one of the hands of a company known as the South Sea Commercial Company. Captain Sorenson went to San Francisco, where he met the agents of this company, and after a preliminary round was made for the purpose of the proposed expedition. She was named the Sophia

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Alderman W. Troop entertained his committee on Monday evening last, in connection with his return as an alderman for Keswold Ward, on Saturday, at the recent municipal election, on which he was elected.

At his residence, Clive, Northampton, Lord-harbour.

The Mayor of Woolwich (Alderman T. Hagen), J.J. has been elected member of the Metropolitan Society to represent that body on the committee of the Charity Organisation Society.

Alderman Thomas F. H. Hemy, recently elected to the gathering of residents and visitors at a promenade entertainment at the picturesque grounds of the Victoria Park Hotel, on Saturday evening last.

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THE TRAWLING EXPEDITION.—Mr. Frank Farrall, M.L.A., states that the arrangements for the trawling expedition are now progressing satisfactorily, and every possible provision is being taken to insure the success of the undertaking. Yesterday Mr. Farrall visited Cockatoo Island, where the Government steamer *Thetis* is being fitted for the trip. It is proposed to start from the old wharf at 10 o'clock on Friday morning, and return at 3 o'clock. The *Thetis* will go to Broken Bay, where she will anchor for the

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WATERWORKS RECLUTING AND FIRST TEST.
COUNCIL MEMBERS.—A week ago Aldermen Dwyer brought under notice of the Water and Sewerage Board the fact of a number of employees

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All Saints' Church, Penrith.—(Open School, 10.30 p.m.)
L.O.L.—A. F. Meeting, St. Matthew's Hall, Paddington, 8 p.m.
General Reading L.O.L.—20th, officially visit No. 51, Paul's School-room.
New South Wales Council of Misses.—Adjourned Meeting, Southland building, 1 p.m.
Kewington Branch.—First Race 7.15 p.m.
First-entr. Congregational Library and Social Club, 4 p.m.
L.O.L.—No. 4. Dwyer.—Meeting, St. Paul's School, Ballfrers, 8 p.m.
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The Cyclists.—Olympic Bicycle Rally, Sydney.—Cyclists and Bicycles Every Evening, 8 p.m.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

A MONEY-LENDING TRANSACTION.

LORD WILLIAM NEVILL FLEADS GUILTY TO FRAUD.

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LONDON, Feb. 15. Lord William Nevill was presented at the Central Criminal Court to-day on two indictments, one charging him with forgery and the other with having obtained £11,113 from Mr. Sam Lewis, the well-known money-lender, by fraudulently obtaining the signature of Lieutenant H. H. S. Clay to two promissory notes. To the first indictment he pleaded not guilty, and to the second guilty. The charge in the first indictment was not proceeded with. Prisoner was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

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THE MILITARY ADVISER TO THE GOVERNMENT.

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Mr. J. Lawson Walton, Liberal member for South Leeds, moved an amendment on behalf of the Opposition, challenging the Indian Frontier policy of the Government, especially in regard to Chitral. He said the Government had violated the advice given by the first Lord Lawrence in 1845, when Commissioner for the Punjab, that India should not mix in Afghan politics and affairs more than was desirable. He had reversed the policy of the Liberals of maintaining the independence of the frontier tribes. Without this natural barrier it would be impossible to peacefully hold the road from Peshawar into Afghanistan.

Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of State for India, in replying to the mover of the amendment, said the Liberals had voted the only workable plan suggested by the Indian Government, the proper maintenance of the frontier. Unless the tribes were controlled it would be impossible to prevent them committing outrages. In view of the Russian advance it was necessary to watch the Afghanistan border. In future the Government would attend to the administration of the frontier, the duties for the protection of the tribal countries and thus exclude their interference with the British sphere. The Government would adhere to its obligations to the Amers, and would enforce its power over and control the great trade routes leading into Afghanistan.

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TELEGRAM FROM THE PREMIER.

MR. BRUNNER'S REPLY.

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